Upgradation to National Highways in Andhra Pradesh

19. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of works proposed to be executed in Andhra Pradesh under Central Road Fund;

(b) the details of State Highways in Andhra Pradesh to be upgraded to National Highways as per the norms; and

(c) the present position regarding conversion of Hyderabad Warangal-Mulugu-Nagarem-Venkatapuram (290 Kms) and Warangal-Karimnagar-Jagtial (120 kms) roads into National Highways?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) A total number of 14 work under Central Road Fund Scheme have been sanctioned to the State of Andhra Pradesh during the 8th Five Year Plan. As regards execution of these works, the responsibility lies with the State Govt.

(b) Proposal for 9 State Highways being declared as National highways were received from the State Govt. of Andhra Pradesh during the 8th Plan.

(c) Due to severe constraints of available funds for the development of National Highways, it has not been possible to declare Hyderabad-Venkatpuram and Warrangal-Jagtial state roads as national Highways.

Safety of Indian Nationals going to Gulf Countries

20. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:

DR. MOHAN BABU:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian nationals in the UAE are/were stranded;

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard; and

(c) the meausres proposed to ensure safety of Indians going to Gulf and other countries for employment?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) and (b) Some Indian Nationals in the UAE coming under the purview of the amnesty, recently announced by the UAE Government, were stranded as they failed to leave the country within the extended period of the amnesty. Our mission in UAE facilitated the departure of all such stranded persons who came to the notice of the mission by obtaining a special dispensation from the UAE Governemnt and also assisting them in obtaining air tickets.

(c) Various measures in place to ensure the safety of Indian workers in the Gulf and other countries include Indian missions' close liaison with the local authorities, regular contacts with the Indian workers, visits to labour camps, the requirement to have the employment contract and other papers relating to the employment of Indians to be screened and attested by the concerned Indian mission, recourse to official and legal channels in the concerned country to secure the contractual rights of the Indian workers, administrative and legal action against erring recruiting agents in India and black-listing of unreasonable employers. These measures are proposed to be continued.

अन्तर्देशीय-जलमार्ग प्राधिकरण द्वारा धनराशियों का उपयोग

21. **श्री चीमनभाई हरीभाई शुक्ला:** क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के अन्तर्गत भारतीय अन्तर्देशीय जलमार्ग प्राधिकरण और केन्द्रीय अन्तर्देशीय जल यातायात निगम को आबंटित की गई धनराशियों का पूरा-पूरा उपयोग नहीं किया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) इस संबंध में क्या कार्यवाही की गई है अथवा किए जाने की संभावना है; और

(घ) अब तक आबंटित और उपयोग की गई धनराशियों का राज्य-वार ब्यौरा क्या है?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री (श्री टी. जी. वेंकटरामन): (क) जी हां।

(ख) निधियों का कम उपयोग मुख्यत: (1) जन शक्ति की अपर्याप्त उपलब्धता, (2) तकनीकी-आर्थिक अध्ययन पूरा करने में लगे समय, (3) स्कीमों की ब्यौरेवार तैयारी, (4) राजाबागान डाकयार्ड आधुनिकीकरण परियोजना का कार्यान्वयन न होने और 7वीं योजना जलयान खरीद स्कीम के अंतर्गत सभी जलयानों की खरीद न होने के कारण हुआ।

(ग) भारतीय अंतर्देशीय जलमार्ग प्राधिकरण ने 1995-96 में एक विस्तृत समीक्षा की है और स्कीमें शीघ्र तैयार की गई हैं। केन्द्रीय अंतर्देशीय जल परिवहन निगम के संबंध में राजाबागान डाकयार्ड के आधुनिकीकरण की स्कीम का कार्यान्वयन चल रहा है। 7वीं योजना जलयान खरीद स्कीम के लिए संशोधित लागत प्राक्कलन हेतु अनुमोदन पर भी शीघ्र कार्रवाई की जा रही है।

(घ) निधियों का आबंटन राज्यवार नहीं किया जाता है, यह आबंटन राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग स्कीमों और अन्य कार्यों के लिए किया जाता है। विभिन्न राज्य सरकारों द्वारा निष्पादित की जाने वाली केन्द्र द्वारा प्रायोजित स्कीमों के लिए 1992-93 से 1995-96 तक की अवधि हेतु 8वीं योजना के तहत 3.95 करोड़ रु० का आबंटन किया गया था। केन्द्र द्वारा प्रायोजित स्कीमों के तहत राज्यवार व्यय के ब्यौरे इस प्रकार हैं:-

राज्य का नाम	(करोड़ रु०) व्यय 1992-93 से 1995-96
बिहार	0.02
गोवा	0.20
केरल	0.54
उत्तर प्रदेश	0.04
पश्चिम बंगाल	0.53
जोड़	1.33

Handing over the Thane Central Maidan to Defence Department

22. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have issued a notice to the Thane Sporting Club, Thane (Maharashtra) to hand over the possession of the Central Maidan in Thane City to Defence Department; and

(b) if so, the purpose for which the Maidan is required by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) The notice has been issued by Defence Estates Officer, Bombay.

(b) The land is required for Defence purposes.

Relations with USA

23. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK:
SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some steps are being taken to establish better relations with the United States of America; and

(b) if so, the details of the areas in which efforts are being made to establish better relations?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) India attaches great importance to its bilateral relations with the US. Both countries are seeking to expand and diversify Indo_US cooperation and consultations to our mutual benefit.

(b) Trade and investment provide the foundation for the expansion of Indo-US relations, and vigorous promotional efforts are being undertaken by the Governments and private sectors of both countries. Educational and cultural exchanges and defence cooperation are also expanding. India and the US have also established a pattern of close and regular consultations to enable us to work together in facing the new challenges and opportunities of the post-Cold War world in the areas of international cooperation for economic and social development, protection of the environment and combating terrorism and narco trafficking.

हथकरघा उद्योग के लिए मदों का आरक्षण

24. श्री राम जेठमलानी: क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिनांक 4 अगस्त, 1986 के आरक्षण आदेश संख्या 459 के अंतर्गत देश में 22 मदों